

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been objected to for containing the title of the invention. A revised Abstract is included on page 2 of this response and therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.


Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,647,649 in view of the Chatwin et al. reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,310,222.

A Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted in favor of U.S. 6,647,649 to obviate this rejection. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, rendering the claims allowable.

Claims 19-21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if re-written in independent form including limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. The claims have been amended and, accordingly are allowable.

Enclosed is a copy of a change of name certificate for the assignee, which was filed on even date herewith. Applicants request an early Notice of Allowance for the claims which now meet the requirements of 35 United States Code.

Respectfully submitted,



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